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Note by the Secretary-General

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** To be issued separately.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Economic and Social Council, in accordance with rule 8 of its rules of procedure, shall draw up at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

2. At its second regular session of 1988, the Council, in resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council, which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its decision 43/432, adopted a series of measures aimed at revitalizing the Council. With regard to its working methods and organization of work, the Council, inter alia, decided that, in formulating its biennial programme of work, the Council should, to the extent possible, consolidate similar or closely related issues under a single agenda item, in order to consider and take action on them in an integrated manner. The Council also decided that, prior to the organizational session, the President, with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, should arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and on the allocation of agenda items and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

3. At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 45/264 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields. Section III of the annex to that resolution contains a number of measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the Economic and Social Council. In regard to the organization of work of the Council, the Assembly decided that the Council should hold an organizational session, not to exceed four days, in New York in early February to determine the annual agenda of the Council and related organizational matters, a resumed organizational session of one or two days at the end of April for the purpose of elections, appointments and confirmations, and one substantive session of four to five weeks to take place in alternate years in New York and Geneva between May and July. The Assembly also adopted measures in regard to the high-level segment, the coordination segment, the operational activities segment and the committee segment of the Council's regular session. Those segments are discussed below individually under the appropriate heading.

4. In decision 1991/294, the Council approved the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1992 and 1993 in the economic, social and related fields (E/1991/L.25 and Corr.1/Rev.1), according to which the Council is to hold its substantive session in Geneva from 28 June to 30 July 1993.

5. The Secretary-General submits herewith for consideration by the Council a proposed basic programme of work for 1993 and 1994 and proposed provisional agenda for 1993.

6. Section I contains the proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of the Council in 1993. Section II contains the annotations to the agenda items, the documents to be submitted under each item and the

legislative authority for their preparation, as well as suggestions for the allocation of items. Section III, which will be issued as an addendum to the present document, lists the questions which, in accordance with decisions adopted by the Council and the General Assembly, should be included in the Council's programme of work for 1994.

7. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/217, the report of the World Food Council will not be considered by the Assembly in 1993. It is therefore expected that the Council will undertake an in-depth review of that report and submit substantive recommendations thereon to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session for consideration and action. The Council is also called upon to concentrate on the coordination aspects of the work of that body.

8. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/217, the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, and the Commission on Human Settlements will be considered by the Assembly in 1993. It is therefore expected that the Council will review these reports but not consider draft proposals on them, except specific recommendations contained therein which require action by the Council and proposals that concern matters relating to the coordination aspects of the work of those bodies, and, if it deems appropriate, transmit the reports directly to the Assembly without debate.

9. With regard to the report of the Trade and Development Board, the Council may wish to consider the report of the Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session (Geneva, 15-26 March 1993) and transmit directly to the Assembly the report of the Board on the first part of its fortieth session (Geneva, 13-24 September 1993).

10. With regard to the selection of a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation pursuant to Council decision 1982/174, the Council will be informed of the joint recommendations of the executive secretaries of the regional commissions in this regard.

11. In a note verbale dated 29 June 1992, the Director-General of the World Health Organization transmitted to the Secretary-General a copy of World Health Assembly resolution 45.20, in which the World Health Assembly requested the Council to include the subject of tobacco or health in the agenda of its substantive session of 1993. The Council will consider that request at its organizational session for 1993.

I. PROPOSED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF 1993 OF THE COUNCIL

A. High-level segment

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2/3. [Theme/themes to be selected.]

4. Conclusion of the high-level segment.

B. Other segments

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

   [Theme/themes to be selected.]

3. Operational activities for development.

4. Coordination questions:

   (a) Reports of the coordination bodies;

   (b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations;

   (c) International cooperation in the field of informatics;

   (d) Question of a United Nations year for tolerance.

5. Programme and related questions:

   (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995;

   (b) Calendar of conferences.

6. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance:

   (a) Special programmes of economic assistance;

   (b) Humanitarian assistance.

7. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

8. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

9. Sustainable development.

10. Non-governmental organizations.

11. United Nations University.

12. Statistical and cartographic questions:

    (a) Statistics;

    (b) Cartography.

13. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

14. Regional cooperation.

15. Development and international economic cooperation:

    (a) Trade and development;

    (b) Food and agricultural development;

    (c) Science and technology for development;

    (d) Transnational corporations;

    (e) Natural resources;

    (f) Population questions;

    (g) Human settlements;

    (h) Environment;

    (i) Desertification and drought;

    (j) Transport of dangerous goods;

    (k) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development;

    (l) World Decade for Cultural Development;

    (m) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

    (n) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

16. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

17. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

18. Human rights questions.

19. Advancement of women.

20. Social development.

21. Narcotic drugs.

Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL

A. High-level segment

12. In the annex to its resolution 45/264, entitled "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields", the General Assembly set out guidelines for the high-level segment of the Council. It is to be of four days' duration, open to all Member States in accordance with Article 69 of the Charter, with ministerial participation, devoted to the consideration of one or more major economic and/or social policy themes, which are to be determined at the organizational session. Adequate Secretariat preparation is to include, in particular, one comprehensive background document for each theme; debate is to follow an integrated and interdisciplinary approach; and heads of the relevant organizations, agencies and other organs are to participate actively. Heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system will participate in a one-day policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation, with a view to building areas of understanding. The main features of the deliberations of the high-level segment are to be presented to the Council by its President in the form of a summary, which would be incorporated in its final report.

13. At its second regular session of 1988, the Council decided, that it should undertake annually in-depth discussions of major policy themes, to be selected on the basis of a multi-year work programme (resolution 1988/77). In paragraph 4 of its resolution 1989/114, the Council decided that the thematic analyses should review existing activities and be forward-looking in identifying policy options and gave further guidelines for their presentation.

14. At its organizational session for 1990, the Council, in decision 1990/205, adopted pursuant to its resolution 1989/114, established on a provisional basis a multi-year work programme for the in-depth consideration of major policy themes during the period 1992-1994, which would be considered in the context of a high-level special meeting of the Council and a review of the current sessional arrangements. The list of themes would be reviewed annually and adjusted on a roll-over basis as necessary and as stipulated in the relevant paragraphs of Council resolutions 1988/77 and 1989/114. The two themes included in the multi-year programme for 1993 are: "Environment and development" and "Population, development and socio-economic indicators".

15. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly recommended that the Economic and Social Council, at the high-level segment of its substantive session of 1993, consider the theme "World summit for social development" (Assembly resolution 47/92).

16. The Council will wish to select a theme or themes for the high-level segment at its organizational session for 1993.

B. Other segments

Items for consideration in plenary meetings

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Coordination segment

2. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

[Theme/themes to be determined.]

Operational activities segment

3. Operational activities for development.

[Additional item may be selected.]

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4. Coordination questions.

5. Programme and related questions.

6. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance.

7. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

8. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

9. Sustainable development.

10. Non-governmental organizations.

11. United Nations University.

12. Statistical and cartographic questions.

13. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Items for consideration by the Economic Committee

14. Regional cooperation.

15. Development and international economic cooperation.

16. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories.

Items for consideration by the Social Committee

17. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

18. Human rights questions.

19. Advancement of women.

20. Social development.

21. Narcotic drugs.

Items for consideration in plenary meetings

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

17. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264 and Council decision 1991/294, the Council will hold its substantive session of 1993 in Geneva from 28 June to 30 July.

18. United Nations common system. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, emphasizing the importance of, and benefits derived from, maintaining a coherent and unified United Nations common system, called upon the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1993, to review and, where appropriate, strengthen the applicable sections of the relationship agreements between the United Nations and member organizations of the United Nations common system, in particular article VIII of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union, 1/ in order to enhance comparability and further adherence to the goals and objectives of the common system (Assembly resolution 46/191 B).

Coordination segment

Item 2. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

[Theme/themes to be determined.]

19. In the annex to its resolution 45/264, the General Assembly decided that a segment on coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields should be held during the substantive session of the Council and organized as follows:

(a) A segment of four to five days devoted to the coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system relating to the achievement of the economic and social objectives of the United Nations. Discussion would be organized around one or more themes selected at the organizational session, and designed to focus attention on the activities of the United Nations system in the selected economic and social areas;

(b) Discussion would take into account the report of the Secretary-General as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, together with appropriate recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination. That report

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should contain a system-wide assessment of the status of coordination with regard to the themes and include recommendations, as appropriate;

(c) The heads of concerned specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including multilateral financial and trade institutions, would be invited to participate actively, making contributions to the policy dialogue reflecting a global perspective on the agreed theme or themes, as well as their activities in the chosen themes;

(d) Recommendations which resulted from those discussions should be submitted to the General Assembly and forwarded, as appropriate, to the governing bodies of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system as well as to the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination. In that context, the Secretary-General should arrange to apprise the next session of the Council of steps taken by the United Nations system to give effect to those recommendations (Assembly resolution 45/264, annex, sect. III, para. 5 (d) (ii)).

20. The Council will wish to select a theme or themes for the coordination segment at its organizational session for 1993.

Operational activities segment

21. In the annex to its resolution 45/264, the General Assembly decided that a segment of two to three days of the Council's session should be devoted to operational activities of the United Nations system, focusing, in particular, on the follow-up of policy recommendations and decisions of the Assembly and coordination of activities on a system-wide basis, taking into account Council resolution 1988/77.

Item 3. Operational activities for development

22. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to promote an early agreement on a common interpretation of the programme approach, including an effective methodology for evaluation, to be applied by the United Nations system, with due regard to country-specific circumstances, to promote an early agreement on a common interpretation of national execution to be applied by the United Nations system and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 in order that the Council might examine the reports and evaluate whether effective and coordinated actions are being taken on the matters by the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolution 47/199). The Assembly also stressed the need for the Economic and Social Council to examine the operational activities of the United Nations system, with a view to taking appropriate action for the full implementation of the resolution and making recommendations thereon. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, after consultations with the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, to present to the Economic

and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 an appropriate management process containing clear guidelines, targets, benchmarks and time-frames for the full implementation of the resolution, and to submit to the Council at its substantive sessions of 1993 and 1994 a progress report on the implementation of the resolution, incorporating, inter alia, the reports mentioned above.

23. The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will report on the work of its fortieth session (Headquarters, 1-22 June 1993), as well as on its organizational meeting and special session (Headquarters, 16-19 February 1993) (Assembly resolution 2029 (XX)).

24. It is expected that the Governing Council will report, inter alia, on its consideration of the following funds and programmes:

(a) Technical cooperation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General. 2/ The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme reports annually to the Economic and Social Council on the technical cooperation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General (Assembly resolution 2029 (XX));

(b) United Nations Capital Development Fund. 2/ The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme reports regularly to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council on the activities of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (Assembly resolutions 2186 (XXI) and 2321 (XXII));

(c) United Nations Volunteers programme. 2/ The Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme report regularly on the United Nations Volunteers programme, through the Governing Council of the Programme and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly (Assembly resolution 33/84);

(d) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration. The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme submits a report on the progress and operation of the Fund to the Economic and Social Council every two years (Council resolution 1762 (LIV) and Assembly resolution 36/200).

25. High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries. 2/ The Committee is entrusted with the overall intergovernmental review of technical cooperation among developing countries within the United Nations system. It reports to the General Assembly through the Governing Council of UNDP and the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (Assembly resolution 33/134). The Committee is scheduled to hold its eighth session at Headquarters from 24 to 28 May 1993.

2/ This question will be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

26. Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes. The Committee submits an annual report to the Council (Assembly resolution 3404 (XXX)). The Committee will adopt its eighteenth annual report, covering the year 1992, at its thirty-fifth session, to be held at Rome from 31 May to 4 June 1993.

27. United Nations Children's Fund. The Executive Board of UNICEF reports annually to the Council (Assembly resolution 802 (VIII)). 3/ Its annual session will be held from 26 April to 7 May 1993.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the operational activities of the United Nations development system

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on its eighth session

Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

Item 4. Coordination questions

(a) Reports of the coordination bodies

28. The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) on its thirty-third session (Headquarters, 10 May-4 June 1993) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC).

29. ACC submits an annual overview report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)) in order to provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the ACC machinery over the past 12 months. The report of ACC will include as an addendum information on programmes and resources of the United Nations system for the biennium 1992-1993.

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-third session

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1992

3/ This question will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

(b) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

30. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. At its substantive session of 1992, the Economic and Social Council requested its President to continue to maintain close contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid, which is the focal point for the international campaign against apartheid, and to report thereon to the Council; it requested the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 (resolution 1992/59). At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Council to continue, as appropriate, to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, appropriate measures for coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in implementing the relevant resolutions of the Assembly (resolution 47/16).

31. Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. The Council reviews annually, in consultation with the Special Committee against Apartheid, the assistance provided by agencies and institutions of the United Nations system in the context of General Assembly resolution 33/183 K.

32. Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (resolution 2100 (LXIII)). At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly, inter alia, took note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/47/212-E/1992/54), reiterated its call for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territory, including the projects mentioned in its resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984, and requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (Assembly resolution 47/170).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against Apartheid

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

33. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council stressed the need that it attached to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access for States Members of the United Nations and for observers to the growing computerized databases and information systems and services of the United Nations; called for the urgent implementation of measures, if necessary in a phased programme, in order to achieve those objectives; and requested the Secretary-General to report on the follow-up action taken on the resolution to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 (resolution 1992/60).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up action taken on Council resolution 1992/60

(d) Question of a United Nations year for tolerance

34. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly welcomed the initiative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to proclaim 1995 as the United Nations year for tolerance; requested the Director-General of UNESCO to prepare, in cooperation with other interested organizations, his suggestions on the observance of the United Nations year for tolerance and to submit them to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council; and invited the Economic and Social Council to consider at its substantive session of 1993 the question of proclaiming 1995 as the United Nations year for tolerance and to inform the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session of its recommendation (Assembly resolution 47/124).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the observance of the United Nations year for tolerance

Item 5. Programme and related questions

(a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

35. In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General will circulate the sections of the proposed programme budget

for the biennium 1994-1995 covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council will consider the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget in the light of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the matter, with a view to submitting its own recommendations thereon to the General Assembly (Council resolution 1988/77).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-third session

(b) Calendar of conferences

36. The Council will be required to draw up its calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 1994 and 1995 (Council decision 52 (LVII)).

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 1994 and 1995

Item 6. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

(a) Special programmes of economic assistance

37. The Council will hear an oral report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/160 on emergency assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia. A written report will be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session. In that resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in view of the critical situation in Somalia, to take all necessary measures for the implementation of the resolution, to apprise the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 of the progress made and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

38. The Council will also hear oral reports on the following questions:

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council appealed to all Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to intensify their efforts to mobilize all possible assistance for the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts and invited the Secretary-General to inform the Council at its substantive session of 1993 of the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1992/42). At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/155 on the question.

Assistance to Yemen. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council called upon Governments and all regional and international organizations to continue their efforts to provide their special assistance to Yemen and requested the Secretary-General to inform the Council at its substantive session of 1993 of the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1992/61). At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/179 on the question.

(b) Humanitarian assistance

39. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit his annual report on strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session and to present an oral report to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 (Assembly resolution 47/168). At the same session, the Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive and consolidated report on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session and an oral report to the Council at its substantive session of 1993 (Assembly resolution 47/107).

Item 7. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

40. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly proclaimed the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, beginning on 1 January 1990. The Assembly adopted the International Framework of Action for the Decade, in which, inter alia, the Secretary-General was requested to report biennially to the General Assembly, through the Council, on the activities of the Decade (resolution 44/236).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Item 8. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

41. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in the light of his recommendations on priority areas (A/47/322-E/1992/102 and addenda), to undertake an analytical review of all United Nations activities to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster in those countries most affected, including related Secretariat arrangements, taking full account of ongoing programmes and other relevant activities, including those of regional and other organizations, and the principle of comparative advantage; and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the resolution and to submit an oral report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 (Assembly resolution 47/165).

Item 9. Sustainable development

42. In its resolution 47/191, the General Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1993, to set up a high-level Commission on Sustainable Development as a functional commission of the Council, in order, inter alia, to ensure the effective follow-up of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. The functions of the Commission are spelled out in paragraphs 3 to 5 of the resolution. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit, for the consideration of the Council at its organizational session for 1993, his proposals on the rules of procedure of the Commission; recommended that the Commission on Sustainable Development meet once a year for a period of two to three weeks, the first substantive session of the Commission to be held in New York in 1993, without prejudice to the venue of its future sessions in Geneva and/or New York; and requested the Committee on Conferences to consider the need for readjusting the calendar of meetings in order to ensure timely reporting to the Economic and Social Council. The Assembly also recommended that in 1993, as a transitional measure, the Commission hold a short organizational session in New York, to elect the Bureau of the Commission, decide on the agenda of its first substantive session and consider all other organizational issues as may be necessary. The agenda of the organizational session of the Commission shall be decided on by the Council at its organizational session for 1993. The Assembly recommended that the Commission, in discharging its functions, submit its consolidated recommendations to the Economic and Social Council and, through it, to the General Assembly. It requested all specialized agencies and related organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen and adjust their activities, programmes and medium-term plans, in line with Agenda 21, and to make their reports on the steps they have taken to give effect to this recommendation available to the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Economic and Social Council in 1993 or, at the latest, in 1994, in accordance with article 64 of the Charter of the United Nations. The General Assembly also requested the Governing Councils of the United Nations Environment Programme, and the United Nations Development Programme as well as the Trade and Development Board, to examine the relevant provisions of chapter 38 of Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, at their next sessions and to submit reports on their specific plans to implement Agenda 21 to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Economic and Social Council; it also requested the regional commissions to examine the relevant provisions of chapter 38 of Agenda 21 at their next sessions and to submit reports on their specific plans to implement Agenda 21, and further requested the Council to decide on the arrangements required so that the reports of the regional commissions could be made available to the Commission on Sustainable Development in 1993 or, at the latest, in 1994.

43. The Assembly also endorsed the view of the Secretary-General that a high-level advisory board should be established and decided that the main task of the board would be to give broad consideration to issues related to the implementation of Agenda 21 and to provide expert advice in that regard to the Secretary-General and, through him, to the Commission, the Economic and Social

Council and the General Assembly. It is expected that the Secretary-General will submit proposals to the Council at its organizational session for 1993 on the functions of the board.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its first session

Item 10. Non-governmental organizations

44. The Council will consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 1991/217.

45. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, which meets biennially, reports to the Council in accordance with Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1926 (XLIV).

46. Review of the conditions necessary for the effective functioning of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Department of Economic and Social Development. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council requested the Secretary-General to consider, to the extent possible within existing resources, increasing the human and financial resources of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit in order to enable it to fulfil its mandate under Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) within the framework of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995; and to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution to the Council through the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (resolution 1992/39).

47. The Secretary-General will report orally to the Council on the question.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

Item 11. United Nations University

48. The Council will consider the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its work during 1992 (General Assembly resolutions 3081 (XXVIII and 39/217). 4/

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University

4/ The report will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

Item 12. Statistical and cartographic questions

(a) Statistics

49. The Council will consider the report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-seventh session (Headquarters, 22 February-3 March 1993) and take action on the recommendations contained therein (resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)). The provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-seventh session were approved by the Council in its decision 1991/310.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its twenty-seventh session

(b) Cartography

50. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Headquarters, 25 August-3 September 1992) (Council decision 1988/116).

51. It will also have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the Fifth United Nations Cartographic Conference for the Americas (Headquarters, 11-15 January 1993) (Council decision 1989/116).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sixth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

Report of the Secretary-General on the Fifth United Nations Cartographic Conference for the Americas

Item 13. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

52. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reports annually to the General Assembly through the Council, in conformity with paragraph 11 of the Statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex).

53. At its fifty-first session, in 1971, the Council decided that the report of the High Commissioner should be transmitted to the Assembly without debate, unless the Council decided otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time of the adoption of its agenda (resolution 1623 (LI), sect. II).

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Committee segment

54. In the annex to its resolution 45/264, the General Assembly decided that specific economic, social and related issues, including their programme implications, should be considered in two separate committees meeting simultaneously which would examine and take decisions on the reports of the subsidiary bodies of the Council and other relevant reports. The meetings of the Economic Committee are to begin immediately after the operational activities segment; those of the Social Committee are to begin immediately after the completion of the coordination segment. Discussions are to be decision-oriented, focusing on specific recommendations, and not to involve a general debate. Discussion is to include review and monitoring of the implementation of the decisions of the Assembly in the economic, social and related fields. Reports of the Committees are to be submitted to the plenary Council for approval. The items discussed below are to be taken up in the committee segment of the work of the Council at its substantive session.

Items for consideration by the Economic Committee

Item 14. Regional cooperation

55. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations of the regional commissions contained therein.

56. The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions. At its first regular session of 1979, the Council decided to discontinue the submission to it of the reports of the regional commissions (decision 1979/1). The reports are transmitted directly to all Member States. The Secretary-General, in his annual report on regional cooperation, in addition to reporting on the meetings of the executive secretaries, highlights developments within each region and draws the Council's attention to specific issues requiring its consideration. The report of the Secretary-General will bring to the Council's attention any decisions or recommendations of the commissions that statutorily require approval by the Council.

57. At its second regular session of 1982, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in this regard to the Council at its annual organizational session (decision 1982/174). A section on interregional cooperation dealing with the topic selected will be included in the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation.

58. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested each regional commission, within existing resources, to contribute to the prevention of the illegal traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes by monitoring and making regional assessments of the illegal traffic and its environmental and health implications, on a continuing basis in each region, and requested the Council to submit recommendations to the Assembly on the findings and conclusions of the regional commissions, in accordance with the consideration of environmental issues (resolution 44/226, part I). The report of the regional commissions on this question will be annexed to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation.

59. Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar. At its second regular session of 1991, the Council, having taken note of the conclusions contained in the interim report prepared in compliance with Council resolution 1989/119 by the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe (E/1991/67, annex), requested the Executive Secretaries of the two Commissions to prepare an evaluation report on the studies relating to the project in the period 1982-1993 for submission to the Council in 1993 (resolution 1991/74). At its substantive session of 1992, the Council adopted resolution 1992/45 on the question.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

Summaries of the surveys of economic and social conditions in the five regions, prepared by the regional commissions

Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar

Item 15. Development and international economic cooperation

60. The Council will have before it the World Economic Survey, 1993, prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 118 (II) and Council resolution 1983/50. With regard to this year's edition, the Survey will seek to respond to the requests for information contained in General Assembly resolutions 47/171 on privatization in the context of economic restructuring, economic growth and sustainable development, and 47/178 on the net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries. The World Economic Survey, 1993 will contain seven chapters. Chapter I will provide an overview of the major current and emerging issues of a global significance that require the attention of policy makers in the international arena, and an assessment of short-term prospects of the world economy. Chapter II will examine recent output and income trends and their main determinants in developed, developing and transition economies. Chapter III will focus on recent trends in international trade in merchandise and services, while also assessing key developments in multilateral and regional trading arrangements. Chapter IV will discuss recent trends in saving and the net transfer of

financial resources, including trends in major international channels for private and official capital flows and the status of the external debt situation of developing and transition economies. Chapter V will analyse the world energy situation and outlook, current proposals to tax energy consumption and opportunities for enhanced international cooperation in energy. Chapter VI will address the question of hunger in the 1990s and chapter VII will investigate new thinking and emerging issues regarding industrial policy. The Survey will also present, as in recent years, a substantial statistical annex of current economic data for reference.

Documentation

World Economic Survey, 1993

(a) Trade and development

61. It is expected that the Council will consider the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session (Geneva, 15-26 March 1993) and transmit directly to the General Assembly the report of the Board on the first part of its fortieth session (Geneva, 13-24 September 1993).

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-ninth session

(b) Food and agricultural development

62. The Council will review in depth the report of the World Food Council on its nineteenth session and submit recommendations thereon to the General Assembly for consideration and action. 5/

Documentation

Report of the World Food Council on its nineteenth session

(c) Science and technology for development

63. At its organizational session for 1992, the Council established a functional Commission on Science and Technology for Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235 (decision 1992/218). The Commission will report to the Council on the work of its first session (Headquarters, 12-23 April 1993). The Council approved the draft provisional agenda and programme of work for the first session of the Commission (see E/1992/76, sect. I) in resolution 1992/62.

5/ The report of the World Food Council will not be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

64. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its session in 1993, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system (A/47/419 and addenda) as a means to examine the contribution of the operational activities of the United Nations system to the enhancement of the national capacities of developing countries in the field of science and technology, and to make appropriate recommendations thereon (Assembly resolution 47/199).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its first session

Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system (A/47/419 and addenda)

(d) Transnational corporations

65. The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session (Headquarters, 5-15 April 1993) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the session in decision 1992/282.

66. The report of the Commission is expected to include the recommendations of the Commission on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa (Council resolution 1986/1). In resolution 1992/34, the Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to prepare studies on the level, form and responsibilities of operation of transnational corporations in South Africa, including their non-equity business arrangements and their involvement in particular sectors of the South African economy, and to report to the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its nineteenth session, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on the implementation of the resolution.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its nineteenth session

(e) Natural resources

67. In decision 1992/218, the Council established a Committee on Natural Resources, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235. The Committee will report to the Council on the work of its first session (Headquarters, 22 March-2 April 1993). The Council approved the draft provisional agenda and programme of work for the first session of the Committee (see E/1992/76, sect. II) in resolution 1992/62.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its first session

(f) Population questions

68. The Council will consider the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-seventh session (Council resolution 150 (VII)) and take action on the recommendations contained therein.

69. International Conference on Population and Development. At its second regular session of 1989, the Council decided to convene in 1994 an international meeting on population and designated the Population Commission as the preparatory committee (resolution 1989/91). At its second regular session of 1991, the Council decided that the meeting should henceforth be called the International Conference on Population and Development and requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to report to the Council in 1992, 1993 and 1994 on the progress made in all aspects of the preparatory activities for the Conference (resolution 1991/93).

70. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly, inter alia, endorsed Council resolution 1992/37, in which the Council decided to convene the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo from 5 to 13 September 1994; invited the Council, at its organizational session for 1993, to consider the possibility of adjusting the proposed timing and duration of the second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference; and requested the Council to formulate and adopt modalities to ensure the participation in and contribution to the Conference and its preparatory process of relevant non-governmental organizations (see E/1993/2). It also requested the Secretary-General, in close consultation with the Secretary-General of the Conference, to submit a progress report on the implementation of the resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council (General Assembly resolution 47/176).

71. The Council will also consider the relevant parts of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme dealing with the United Nations Population Fund.

Documentation

Report of the Population Commission on its twenty-seventh session

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the preparatory activities for the International Conference on Population and Development

Relevant parts of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Population Fund

(g) Human settlements

72. The Council will review the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its fourteenth session (Nairobi, 26 April-5 May 1993), which will include the report of the Commission on the progress made in the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000. 6/ In reviewing the report of the Commission, the Council will consider only specific recommendations contained therein that require action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspect of the work of the Commission.

73. Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000. At its forty-second session, the Assembly requested the Commission to formulate a global strategy for shelter to the year 2000 for submission, through the Council, to the Assembly at its forty-third session (resolution 42/191). At that session, the Assembly adopted the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (A/43/8/Add.1), decided to review and clarify the Strategy on a biennial basis and requested the Commission, as the body designated to coordinate the implementation of the Strategy, to report biennially to the Assembly on the progress made in its implementation (resolution 43/181).

74. In its resolution 43/180 on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to keep the Assembly periodically informed, through the Council, on progress achieved in improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and the disadvantaged.

75. Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to consider ways and means of improving the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory and, pending the exercise of their right to self-determination, to plan for concerted economic and social actions by the United Nations system, and also requested him to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (Assembly resolution 46/162).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its fourteenth session, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000

Report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory

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6/ The report of the Commission on Human Settlements will be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

(h) Environment

76. The Council will review the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on its seventeenth session (Nairobi, 10-21 May 1993). 7/ In doing so, the Council will consider only specific recommendations contained therein that require action by the Council and proposals on matters relating to the coordination aspect of the work of the Governing Council. The Governing Council of UNEP reports to the General Assembly through the Council (Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I, para. 3).

(i) Desertification and drought 8/

77. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the medium-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region. The Secretary-General reports regularly to the General Assembly, through the Governing Council of UNDP and the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, as well as on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, which has been designated the focal point for coordinating United Nations efforts to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in carrying out their recovery and rehabilitation programme (Council resolution 1978/37 and Assembly resolutions 39/168 B and 40/209).

78. Combating aridity, soil erosion, salinity, waterlogging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia. At its second regular session of 1991, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and other international and national development assistance organizations, to undertake a study to assess the extent of the problem of aridity, soil erosion, salinity, waterlogging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia and to provide a framework for national and international cooperative efforts, and to submit the Study to the Council in 1992 (resolution 1991/97). At its substantive session of 1992, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the interim note by the Secretary-General, urged the Secretary-General to submit the study to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session (resolution 1992/55). In view of the scope of the study, it will be submitted to the Council at its substantive session of 1993.

79. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda. The Secretary-General apprises the Council annually of the status of this question (Council resolution 1983/46).

7/ The report of the Governing Council of UNEP will be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

8/ This question will be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, including the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

Report of the Secretary-General on combating aridity, soil erosion, waterlogging, desertification and the effects of drought in South Asia

(j) Transport of dangerous goods

80. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its seventeenth session (Geneva, 7-16 December 1992). The Committee was established in pursuance of council resolution 645 G (XXIII). The Secretary-General reports biennially to the Council on the work of the Committee (Council resolution 1488 (XLVIII)).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods on its seventeenth session

(k) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

81. In its resolution 42/178 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution, through the Economic and Social Council, to the Assembly at its forty-fourth session and, in order to strengthen further the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic programmes and operational activities, to prepare biennially, as an annex to the report mentioned above, an update of mandates governing the integration of women in economic development adopted by the Assembly, the Council and the Commission on the Status of Women and by world conferences of the United Nations system, a list of the titles of all subprogrammes and programme elements relating to the integration of women in development, as contained in the proposed programme budget and in revisions to the medium-term plan, and a compilation of decisions taken by United Nations intergovernmental bodies other than the Commission, the Council and the Assembly relating to the integration of women in development.

82. At its forty-sixth session, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to continue to update the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development and to submit a preliminary version to the Economic and Social Council, through the Commission, in 1993 and a final version in 1994 (Assembly resolution 46/98).

83. The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 47/95.

84. The Council will also have before it the relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Report of the Secretary-General on the preliminary version of the update of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-seventh session

(l) World Decade for Cultural Development

85. In its resolution 41/187, the General Assembly proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development. At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly took note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the mid-term review of the World Decade (A/45/277-E/1990/77 and Add.1), invited the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to include specific proposals, taking into account the views of Governments, on the modalities of a mid-term review in the second biennial report on progress in the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, and decided to include, on a biennial basis in its agenda for subsequent sessions, a sub-item entitled "World Decade for Cultural Development" under the item entitled "Development and international economic cooperation" (resolution 45/189).

86. In its resolution 46/157, the Assembly invited the Secretary-General and the Director-General of UNESCO to undertake the preparation of a global mid-term review of the Decade, to be carried out by the Assembly at its forty-ninth session, in 1994, the preparation of which should include those elements listed in paragraphs 3 (a) to (c) of the resolution.

87. The Secretary-General wishes to propose to the Council that it postpone consideration of the biennial progress report requested in Assembly resolution 41/187 and to combine it with the global mid-term review requested in Assembly resolution 46/157, which would then be undertaken by the Council and the Assembly in 1994.

Documentation

[Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress in the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development]

(m) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries 9/

88. The High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries is entrusted with the overall intergovernmental review of technical cooperation among developing countries within the United Nations system. It reports to the General Assembly through the Governing Council of UNDP and the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (Assembly resolution 33/134). The Council will have before it the report of the Committee on its eighth session (Headquarters, 24-28 May 1993).

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries on its eighth session

(n) Prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

89. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council endorsed the updated global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS as the global policy framework (World Health Assembly document A45/29), also endorsed the recommendations of the Management Committee of the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS (GPA/GMC/92.14) and requested the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization, acting in close collaboration with other appropriate bodies, organs and programmes of the United Nations system, to report, through the Secretary-General, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 on further developments concerning coordination of HIV/AIDS activities at the global and country levels (resolution 1992/33).

90. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session and biennially thereafter, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress in the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS (Assembly resolution 47/40).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the prevention and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS)

9/ This question will be considered by the General Assembly in 1993.

Item 16. Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

91. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council adopted resolution 1992/57, entitled "Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the Syrian Golan". The Council reaffirmed the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the population of the Syrian Golan to their natural and all other economic resources, and regarded any infringement thereof as being without any legal validity; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the progress made in the implementation of resolution 1992/57. The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 47/172 on the subject.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1992/57 and General Assembly resolution 47/172

Items for consideration by the Social Committee

Item 17. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

92. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination with a view to submitting to the General Assembly the Council's report as requested in paragraph 11 of Assembly resolution 39/16.

93. At its thirty-eighth session, the General Assembly proclaimed the 10-year period beginning on 10 December 1983 the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination; approved the Programme of Action for the Second Decade annexed to the resolution and called upon all States to cooperate in its implementation; and requested the Council to take charge, with the help of the Secretary-General, of coordinating the implementation of the Programme of Action and of evaluating the activities undertaken during the Second Decade (resolution 38/14).

94. At its thirty-ninth session, the General Assembly decided upon specific action to be carried out during the period 1985-1989; requested Governments to forward a report every two years on the action taken under the Programme of Action, on the basis of a questionnaire circulated by the Secretary-General, which reports would be transmitted to the Council for its consideration; requested the Council, during the period of the Decade, to submit an annual report to the Assembly, containing: (a) an enumeration of the activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Decade, including

the activities of Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, (b) a review and appraisal of those activities and (c) its suggestions and recommendations (resolution 39/16). At its forty-second session, the General Assembly approved the plan of activities for the period 1990-1993 (resolution 42/47).

95. At its first regular session of 1985, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit annual reports on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade (resolution 1985/19). At its first regular session of 1987, the Council requested the Secretary-General to present, in his future annual reports to the Council on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade, more detailed information on the relevant activities of all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (resolution 1987/2). At its substantive session of 1992, the Council adopted resolution 1992/13 on this subject.

96. At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to implement immediately those activities scheduled for the period 1985-1989 not yet carried out and to proceed with the implementation of the activities scheduled for the biennium 1990-1991, requested him, therefore, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 42/47 and 44/52, to ensure that the necessary and additional resources were included in the proposed programme budgets for the bienniums 1990-1991 and 1992-1993 to provide for the implementation of the activities of the Second Decade and requested him to inform the Assembly of the steps taken in that regard, requested him also to continue to accord the highest priority, in executing the plan of activities, to measures for combating apartheid, took note of the report on the activities of the Second Decade, and reiterated its requests to the Economic and Social Council, throughout the Decade, to submit a report annually to the General Assembly (resolution 45/105).

97. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council recommended that, in 1993, the General Assembly proclaim a third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination; and requested the Secretary-General to prepare a draft programme of action for the third decade and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session (resolution 1992/13). The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 47/77.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Item 18. Human rights questions

98. The Council will consider the general comments adopted by the Human Rights Committee at its forty-seventh session and the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its seventh session.

99. The Council will also consider the report of the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-ninth session (Geneva, 1 February-12 March 1993). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session were approved by the Council in its decision 1992/264.

100. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 23 March 1976. In accordance with article 45 of the Covenant, the Human Rights Committee reports annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. In 1993, the Human Rights Committee is to hold its forty-seventh session at Headquarters from 22 March to 8 April, its forty-eighth session at Geneva from 12 to 30 July and its forty-ninth session at Geneva from 18 October to 5 November.

101. It will be recalled that, at its organizational session for 1983, the Council invited the Human Rights Committee to consider the possibility of rescheduling its meetings so that its report could be submitted to the General Assembly through the Council at its first regular session (decision 1983/101). At its organizational session for 1985, the Council agreed to the interim arrangement proposed by the Human Rights Committee, namely, that the Committee would transmit to the Council, on a regular basis, the text of the general comments adopted by the Committee in accordance with article 40, paragraph 4, of the Covenant; and, without prejudice to further consideration of the present arrangements at a future session, the Council decided to authorize the Secretary-General to transmit the annual report of the Human Rights Committee directly to the General Assembly (decision 1985/105).

102. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, entrusted by the Council, as from 1987, with overseeing the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolution 1985/17), will report on its seventh session, held at Geneva from 23 November to 11 December 1992. It will be recalled that the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 3 January 1976. Under article 16 of the Covenant, States parties to the Covenant undertake to submit to the Secretary-General reports on the measures which they have adopted and on the progress made in achieving the observance of the rights recognized in the Covenant. The Secretary-General is required to transmit copies of the reports to the Council for its consideration. The Secretary-General is also required to transmit to the specialized agencies copies of the reports, or any relevant parts thereof, from States parties to the Covenant which are also members of those specialized agencies in so far as they relate to matters that fall within the purview of the agencies in accordance with their constitutional instruments.

103. At its sixtieth session, in 1976, the Council laid down the procedures for the implementation of the Covenant (resolution 1988 (LX)). The Council set out a programme under which States parties would furnish, in biennial

stages, the reports referred to in article 16 of the Covenant, as follows: first stage, rights covered by articles 6 to 9; second stage, rights covered by articles 10 to 12; third stage, rights covered by articles 13 to 15. The Council also called upon the specialized agencies to submit to the Council reports on the progress made in the observance of the provisions of the Covenant falling within the scope of their activities, as provided under article 18 of the Covenant.

104. At its first regular session of 1985, the Council decided, while maintaining the current programme of biennial reports for the first cycle of the reporting procedure under article 16 of the Covenant, to prolong by one year, the periodicity of reporting under the second and subsequent cycles of the reporting procedure (decision 1985/132). At its first regular session of 1988, the Council endorsed the recommendation of the Committee that States parties be requested to submit a single report within two years of the entry into force of the Covenant for the State party concerned and, thereafter, at five-year intervals (resolution 1988/4).

105. At its first regular session of 1978, in accordance with the provisions of resolution 1988 (LX), the Council decided to establish, for the purpose of assisting it in the consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant, a sessional working group composed of 15 members of the Council which were also States parties to the Covenant (decision 1978/10). At its first regular session of 1985, the Council decided that the Working Group established by Council decision 1978/10 and modified by Council decision 1981/158 and resolution 1982/33 should be renamed "Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights"; that the Committee should have 18 members who should be experts with recognized competence in the field of human rights, serving in their personal capacity, due consideration being given to equitable geographical distribution and to the representation of different forms of social and legal systems; that the Committee should meet annually for a period of up to three weeks, taking into account the number of reports to be examined; and that it should submit to the Council a report on its activities and make suggestions and recommendations of a general nature on the basis of its consideration of reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant and by the specialized agencies, in order to assist the Council to fulfil, in particular, its responsibilities under articles 21 and 22 of the Covenant; the Council also decided to review the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Committee at its first regular session of 1990, and subsequently every five years, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical distribution of its membership (resolution 1985/17).

106. Commission on Human Rights. The report of the Commission is expected to include its response to the following resolutions:

(a) Assembly resolution 44/53, in which the Assembly requested the Commission to continue to consider the question of popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in the full realization of all human rights, and to inform the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, of the results of that consideration;

(b) Assembly resolution 47/123, in which the Assembly called upon the Commission to continue to make proposals to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the future course of action on the question of the right to development;

(c) Assembly resolution 47/130, in which the Assembly called upon the Commission, at its forty-ninth session, to continue giving priority to the review of the fundamental factors that negatively affect the observance of the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

(d) Assembly resolution 47/141, in which the Assembly decided to keep under consideration, during its forty-eighth session, the situation of human rights in Afghanistan in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Economic and Social Council;

(e) Assembly resolution 47/143, in which the Assembly decided to keep the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Haiti under review during its forty-eighth session and to consider it further in the light of the information supplied by the Commission and the Economic and Social Council;

(f) Assembly resolution 47/145, in which the Assembly decided to continue its consideration of the situation of human rights in Iraq during its forty-eighth session in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Economic and Social Council;

(g) Assembly resolution 47/146, in which the Assembly decided to continue the examination of the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran during its forty-eighth session in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission and the Economic and Social Council.

107. Suppression of the traffic in persons. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a further report to the Council, at its substantive session of 1993, on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1983/30 by those Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations that have not yet submitted such information and to make that report available to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (resolution 1992/10).

108. Infringements of trade union rights in South Africa. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council requested the Secretary-General to invite the Government of South Africa to report, no later than 31 December 1992, on the measures it had taken to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report of the Fact-finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association concerning South Africa (E/1992/70), and thereafter at yearly intervals until the Economic and Social Council was satisfied that the said recommendations had been implemented; it also requested the Secretary-General

to refer the reports of the Government of South Africa on this matter to the International Labour Office, with the request that the latter transmit to the Council its advice and comments stemming from examination of the said reports (resolution 1992/12).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the general comments of the Human Rights Committee on its forty-seventh session

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its seventh session

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-ninth session

Report of the Secretary-General on the suppression of the traffic in persons

Report of the Secretary-General on infringements of trade union rights in South Africa

Documentation for information

Reports submitted by States parties to the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and by the specialized agencies

Reports submitted by the specialized agencies in accordance with Council resolution 1988 (LX)

Summary records of the seventh session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Item 19. Advancement of women

109. The Council will consider the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its twelfth session (Vienna, 18-29 January 1993), the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its thirty-seventh session (Vienna, 17-26 March 1993) and the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its thirteenth session (Santo Domingo, 15-19 February 1993). The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 1992/269. The Council will also have before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/78 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas and on the system-wide coordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development; a proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 will also be before the Council.

110. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). The Convention entered into force on 3 September 1981. The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women was established under article 17 of the Convention for the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the Convention. Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee shall report annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

111. Report of the Commission on the Status of Women. In accordance with Council resolution 1990/15, the following three priority themes are to be considered by the Commission at its thirty-seventh session: under equality, increased awareness by women of their rights, including legal literacy; under development, women in extreme poverty: integration of women's concerns in national development planning; and under peace, women and the peace process. The report of the Commission is expected to include recommendations on the following:

Draft declaration on violence against women. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council decided to convene an inter-sessional working group of the Commission on the Status of Women to further develop a draft declaration on violence against women and to report to the Commission at its thirty-seventh session, with a view to recommending a draft declaration to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council (resolution 1992/18). The working group met from 31 August to 4 September 1992.

Violence against migrant women workers. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in view of the time constraints and pending the completion of a written report, to make a preliminary oral report, through the Commission on the Status of Women and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, on the implementation of the resolution (Assembly resolution 47/96).

112. Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. At its sixtieth session, in 1976, the Council decided to establish the Institute as an autonomous body under the auspices of the United Nations, funded through voluntary contributions; it also decided on guidelines for the Institute (resolution 1998 (LX)). The statute of the Board was approved by the Council and endorsed by the General Assembly (Council decision 1984/124 and Assembly resolution 39/249). The Institute functions under the authority of a Board of Trustees, which reports annually to the Council.

113. Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly commended the report of the Secretary-General on national experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (A/44/516); requested the organizations and funds of the United Nations system, donor organizations and countries to

promote the realization of programmes and projects aimed at the improvement of the situation of rural women, and to provide, on request, training opportunities for national machineries in order to increase their effectiveness; and requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the resolution and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council (Assembly resolution 44/78).

114. System-wide coordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development. At its second regular session of 1989, the Council, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC), to report to the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) and the Council, biennially in odd-numbered years beginning in 1991, on the extent to which the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development was incorporated into the programmes and programme budgets of the organizations of the United Nations system (resolution 1989/105).

115. System-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for 1996-2001. In resolution 1989/105, the Council endorsed the timetable proposed by the Secretary-General for the preparation of a system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001 (see E/1989/9). A preliminary report outlining the proposed framework of the plan was submitted to the Council in 1992 (E/1992/6), through the Commission on the Status of Women and CPC. The detailed plan has been elaborated on the basis of the comments of those bodies. The Council will have before it the proposed plan in time to provide guidance for the preparation of the individual medium-term plans of the system for the 1996-2001 cycle.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its twelfth session

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on the work of its thirty-seventh session

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its thirteenth session

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/78 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

Report of the Secretary-General on the system-wide coordination of activities to advance the status of women and to integrate women in development

Proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 1996-2001

Item 20. Social development

116. World social situation. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue monitoring the world social situation in depth on a regular basis and to submit the next full report on the world social situation, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly in 1993 (resolution 44/56). In its resolution 44/57 on the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to include in the next report on the world social situation a special section dealing with the activities carried out in pursuance of the resolution. The report on the implementation of the Declaration will appear as an addendum to the report on the world social situation. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in preparing the 1993 report, to take into account the intrinsic relationship between economic growth and social development and to analyse in depth the impact of the economic problems of the developing countries on the world social situation (resolution 1992/26).

117. Commission for Social Development. The Council will consider the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session (Vienna, 8-17 February 1993). The provisional agenda and documentation for the session were approved by the Council in its decision 1991/226. The report of the Commission is expected to include the recommendations of the Commission on the following questions, of which the Council is also seized:

(a) Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing. At its thirty-seventh session, the General Assembly, inter alia, endorsed the International Plan of Action on Ageing adopted by the World Assembly on Ageing (Report of the World Assembly on Ageing, Vienna, 26 July to 6 August 1982), 10/ and requested the Council, through the Commission for Social Development, to review the implementation of the Plan of Action every four years, beginning in 1985, and to transmit its findings to the General Assembly (resolution 37/51).

(b) Equalization of opportunities for disabled persons. The Council, at its first regular session of 1990, authorized the Commission for Social Development to consider, at its thirty-second session, the establishment of an ad hoc open-ended working group of government experts to elaborate standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for disabled children, youth and adults; and requested the Commission, should it establish such a working group, to finalize the text of those rules for consideration by the Council in 1993 and for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session (resolution 1990/26).

118. Strategies for social development cooperation. At its first regular session of 1991, the Council, inter alia, noted with appreciation the

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10/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16, chap. VI, sect. A.

convening of the Meeting of the Expert Group on the Social Impact of the Critical Economic Environment on Developing Countries: Strategies for Social Development Cooperation, at Järvenpää, Finland, from 17 to 21 September 1990; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council in 1993, through the Commission for Social Development, on progress achieved and obstacles encountered in implementing the social development goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolution 45/199, annex), and on the progress made in elaborating the suggestions and recommendations of the Expert Group (resolution 1991/12).

119. Monitoring of international plans and programmes of action in the field of social development. In its resolution 46/90, the General Assembly, recalling its resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987, in which it endorsed the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (E/CONF.80/10, chap. III) requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the progress achieved in the implementation of and follow-up action to the Guiding Principles and to the resolution.

120. Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session (Vienna, 13-23 April 1993) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The provisional agenda and documentation for the session were approved by the Council in decision 1992/274.

121. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/152 concerning operational activities and coordination in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. At its substantive session of 1992, the Council adopted resolution 1992/22 with a view to strengthening the operational capacity of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, especially operational activities and advisory services. It requested the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, on the progress made in the implementation of the various provisions of resolution 1992/22. The report of the Secretary-General will also include a section on options and recommendations for the creation of an appropriate mechanism, such as a foundation, to mobilize human, financial and other resources, pursuant to Council resolution 1992/23.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the social development goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation and follow-up action to the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session

Report of the Secretary-General on operational activities and coordination in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 21. Narcotic drugs

122. The Council will consider the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session (Vienna, 29 March-7 April 1993) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in decision 1992/277. The report of the Commission is expected to include the comments of the Commission on the following question, of which the Council is also seized:

Examination of the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/99, in which it decided to hold four plenary meetings, at a high level, at its forty-eighth session, in order to examine urgently the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances, and in which it requested the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, its comments regarding the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its high-level plenary meetings.

123. Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances: action by agencies of the United Nations system. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly requested the Administrative Committee on Coordination to give due attention in its work to the coordination of drug control activities and to update the System-Wide Action Plan for the consideration of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993 and the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session. It further requested the Administrative Committee on Coordination to review and update, as necessary, the System-Wide Action Plan on a biennial basis (Assembly resolution 47/100).

124. Administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board. At its first regular session of 1991, the Council approved the administrative arrangements prepared on behalf of the Secretary-General by the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in agreement with the International Narcotics Control Board and contained in the annex to Council resolution

1991/48; requested the Executive Director to implement those arrangements, taking into account the character, powers and functions of the International Narcotics Control Board and the importance of its full technical independence in the performance of its tasks; it also requested the Executive Director to report to the Council through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its thirty-sixth session, in 1993, on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 1991/48).

125. Report of the International Narcotics Control Board. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 1992.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session, including the comments of the Commission on the report of the Secretary-General on the status of international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotics and psychotropic substances

Update of the System-Wide Action Plan by the Administrative Committee on Coordination

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the administrative arrangements of the International Narcotics Control Board

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1992

Reports brought to the attention of the Council

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

126. In accordance with the procedures set out in the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, as approved by the General Assembly in resolution 31/192, the Joint Inspection Unit reports annually to the Council on activities under the general responsibility of the Council. In accordance with the practice followed by the Council, reports that relate to agenda items will be considered under those items; reports that do not relate to agenda items will be considered separately.

127. At its thirty-eighth session, the General Assembly invited United Nations organs, when considering reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, to bear in mind the recommendation contained in paragraph 12 of the 1983 annual report of the Unit (resolution 38/229). The recommendation read as follows:

"Because of the method of discussion of JIU reports in the past, clear decisions on the recommendations contained in JIU reports have not always been taken. This lack of clarity hinders effective follow-up by JIU. Legislative bodies of participating organizations could consider the possibility of adopting formulations along the following lines:

"(a) Approves recommendations _____, and _____;

"(b) Approves recommendations _____, and _____ in the light of the comments thereon by the Secretary-General (and/or ACC; and/or the debate in the Committee);

"(c) Reserves its position on recommendations _____, and _____ in the light of the debate in the Committee;

"(d) Does not approve recommendations _____, and _____." 11/

128. At its forty-second session, the General Assembly requested all bodies of the United Nations system to examine closely those reports of the Joint Inspection Unit that were within their respective areas of competence and to comment, as appropriate, on the recommendations contained therein (resolution 42/218). The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 45/237.

11/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/38/34), para. 12.